GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES DUE TO PROCESS OF UNLOADING IN GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the losses incurred during the process of unloading in the godowns of whole salers and loading them to retailers during the last three years;

(b) the transportation cost aid by manufacturing companies per bag/per tonne to the fertilizer retailers during the said period, company -wise;

(c) whether retailers have to take the fertilizers to the far-flung areas as a result of which the farmers are charged extra amount on account of transportation cost; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard to provide relief to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a): The information with regard to losses incurred during unloading in the godowns of whole sellers and loading them to retailers is not maintained by Department of Fertilizers, as same are not being compensated by the department.

(b) to (d): As per uniform freight subsidy policy, the rail transportation subsidy from port/plant upto nearest rake point is fully reimbursed on the basis of Railway Receipt (RR) issued by Indian Railways. The normative transportation from the nearest rake point to block headquarters is reimbursed on the basis of per tonne, per KM notified by the Department of Fertilizers on the basis of Tarrif Commission recommendation after a detailed study conducted by them. Therefore, Government is paying full inland transportation cost to the manufacturers/importers for moving fertilizers from plant/ports to various destination in the country upto block level. It is incumbent on the companies to supply fertilizer from nearest rake point to retailer through whole sellers or directly at company's cost. Since the recommendation of the Tarrif Commission for road freight varies from State to State, district to district etc., the cost incurred/reimbursed by fertiliser companies to retailers through whole sellers or directly is not maintained by Department of Fertilizers.